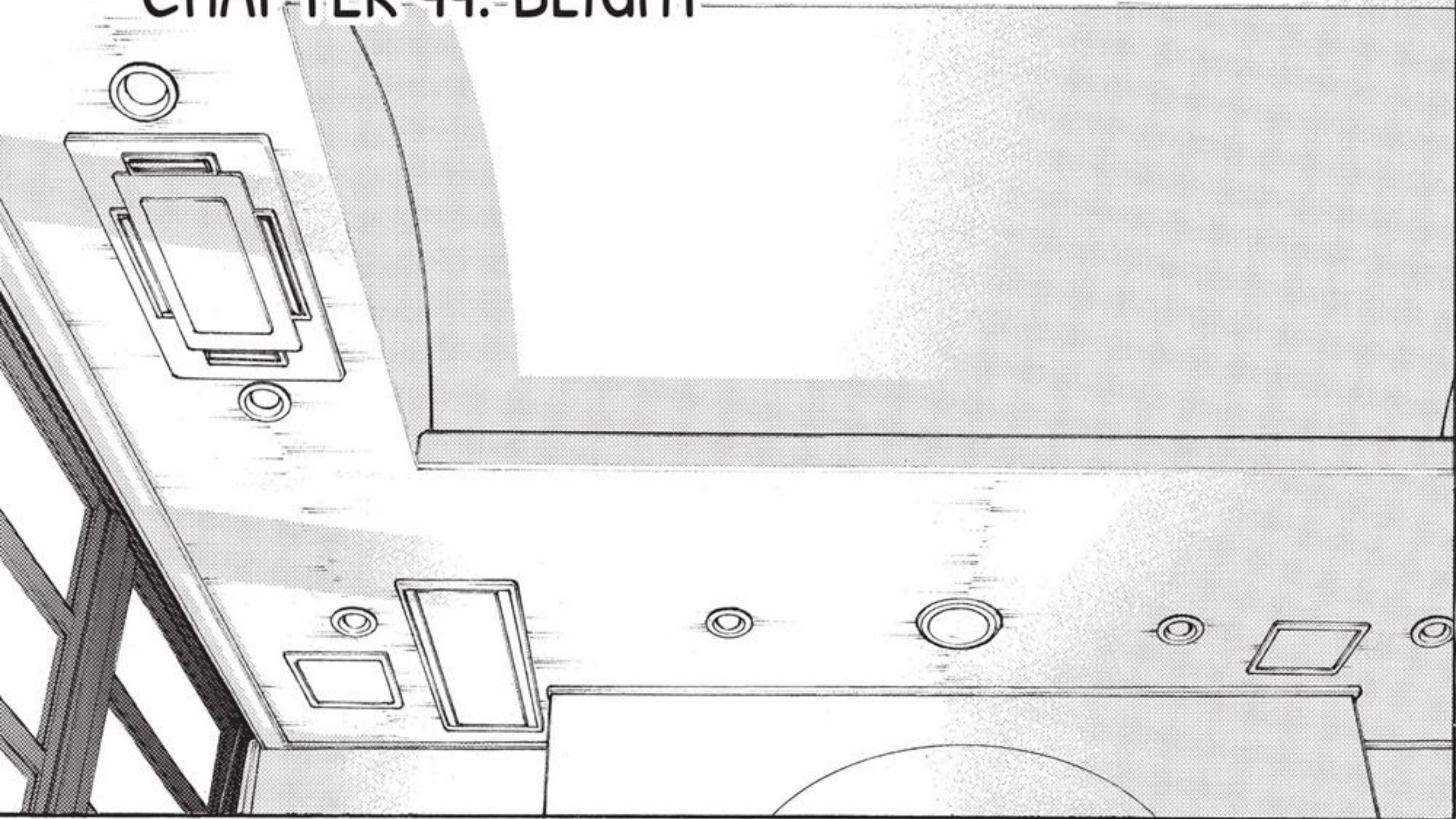
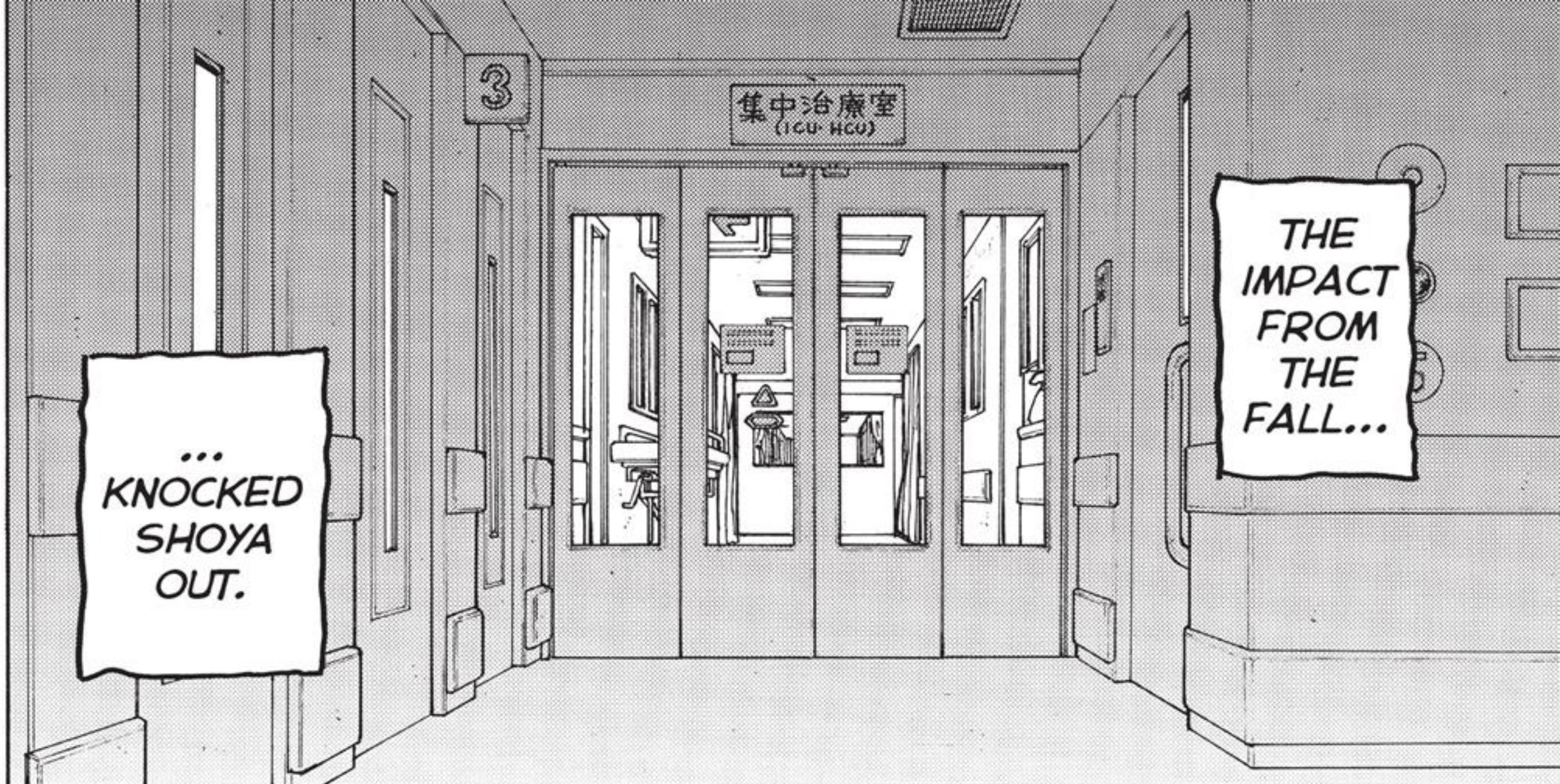


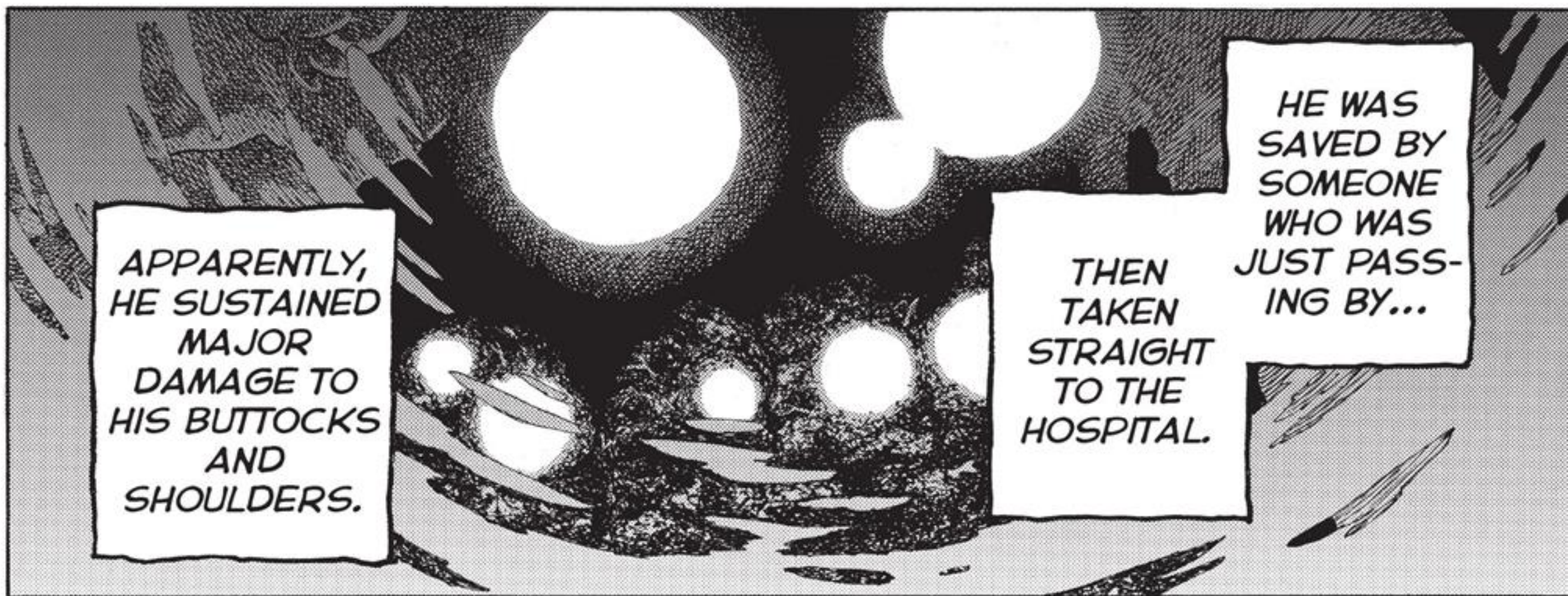
CHAPTER 44: BLIGHT





...
KNOCKED
SHOYA
OUT.

THE
IMPACT
FROM
THE
FALL...



APPARENTLY,
HE SUSTAINED
MAJOR
DAMAGE TO
HIS BUTTOCKS
AND
SHOULDERS.

THEN
TAKEN
STRAIGHT
TO THE
HOSPITAL.

HE WAS
SAVED BY
SOMEONE
WHO WAS
JUST PASS-
ING BY...



WHEN
WILL I
BE ABLE
TO SEE
HIM?

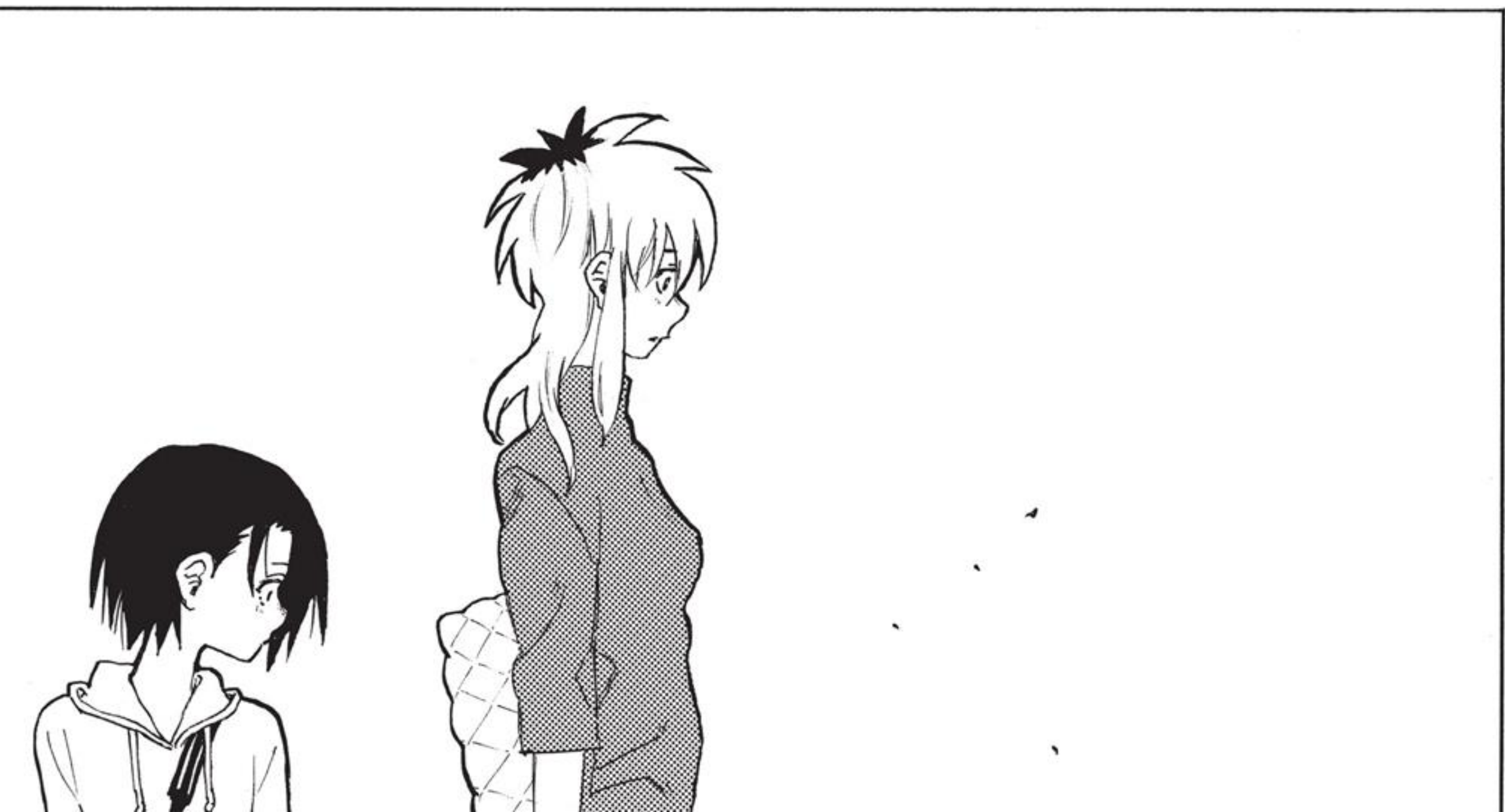
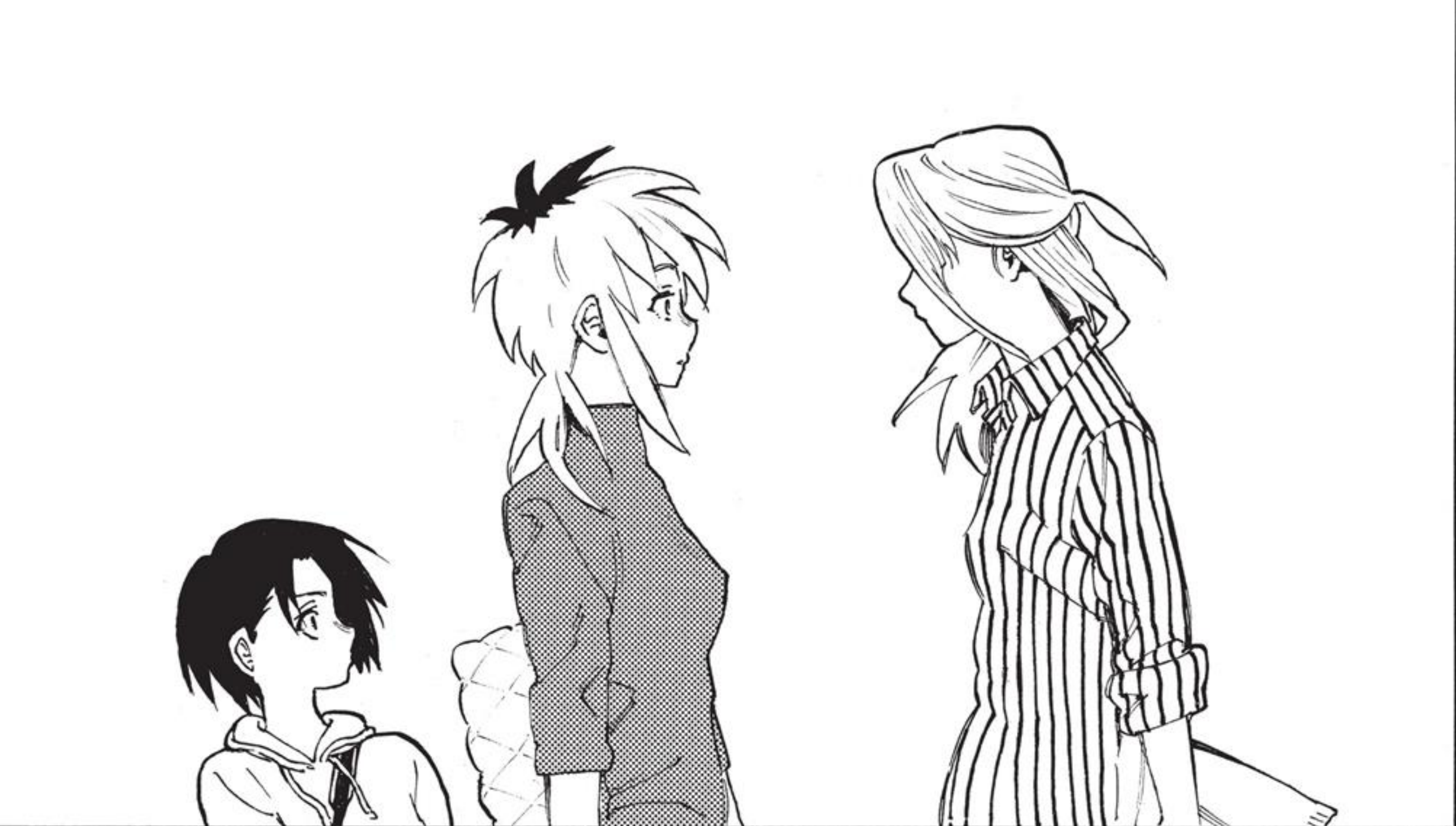
TWO DAYS
LATER,
HE STILL
HASN'T
OPENED
HIS EYES.



MA'AM.









**I
AM SO
SORRY.**



MA'AM
...

OTHER-
WISE,
THIS NEVER
WOULD
HAVE—

MY SON
MUST
HAVE DONE
SOMETHING
TO SHOKO
...

P...
PLEASE
STOP...





SHOYA
SAVED
MY
FOOLISH
SISTER.



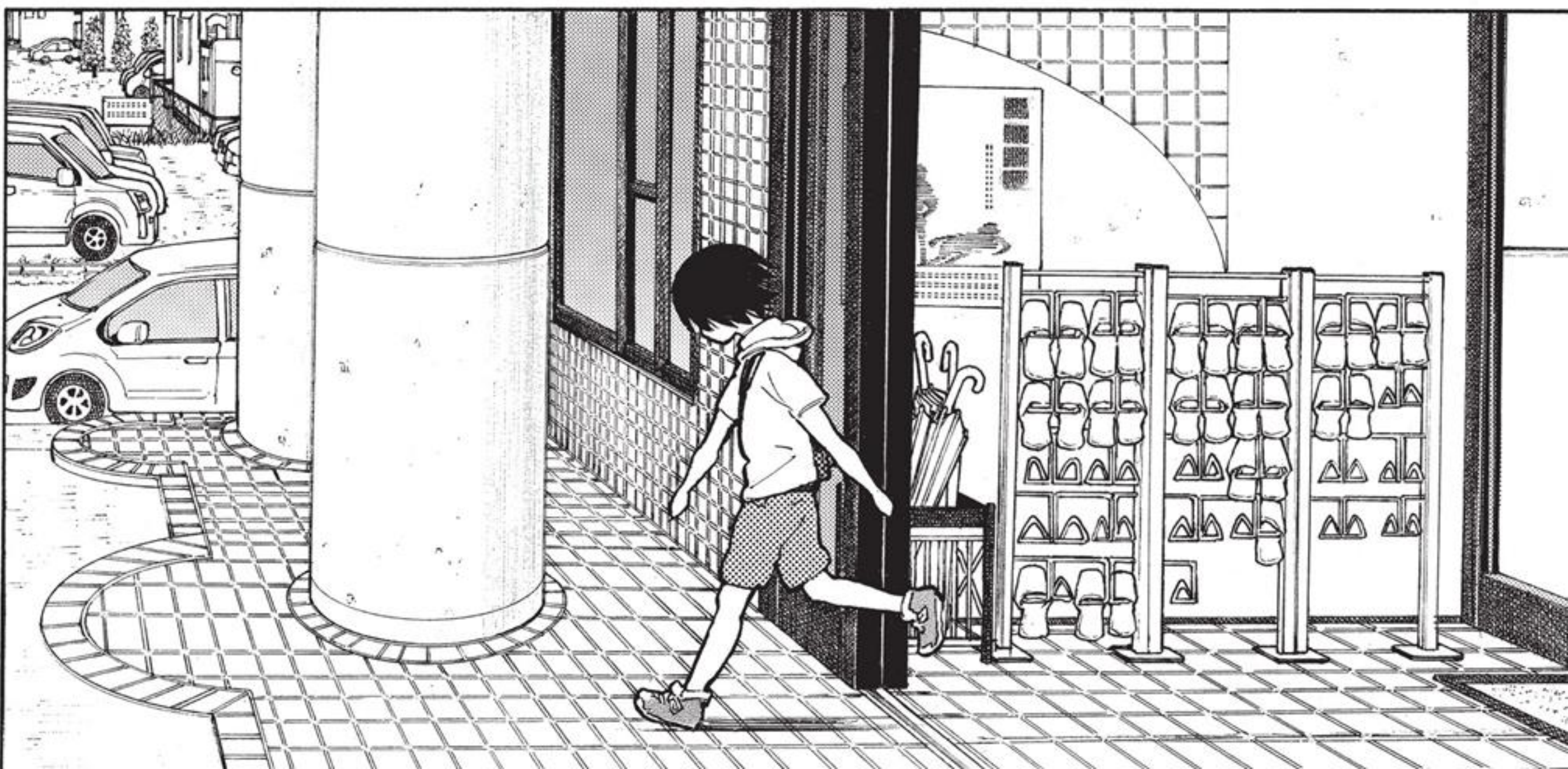
SHOKO
TRIED TO
KILL HER-
SELF.

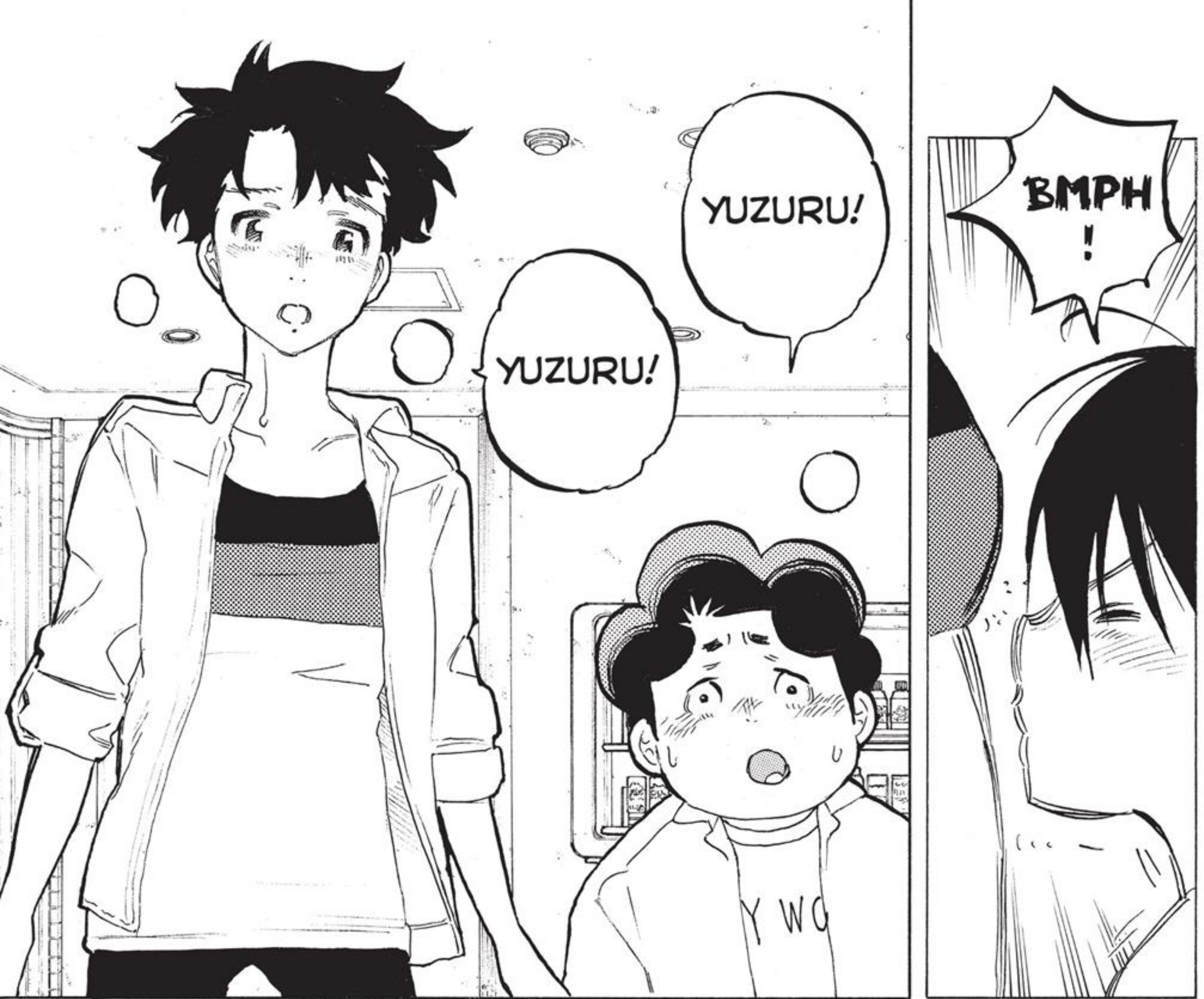
PLEASE
LOOK AT
THIS.

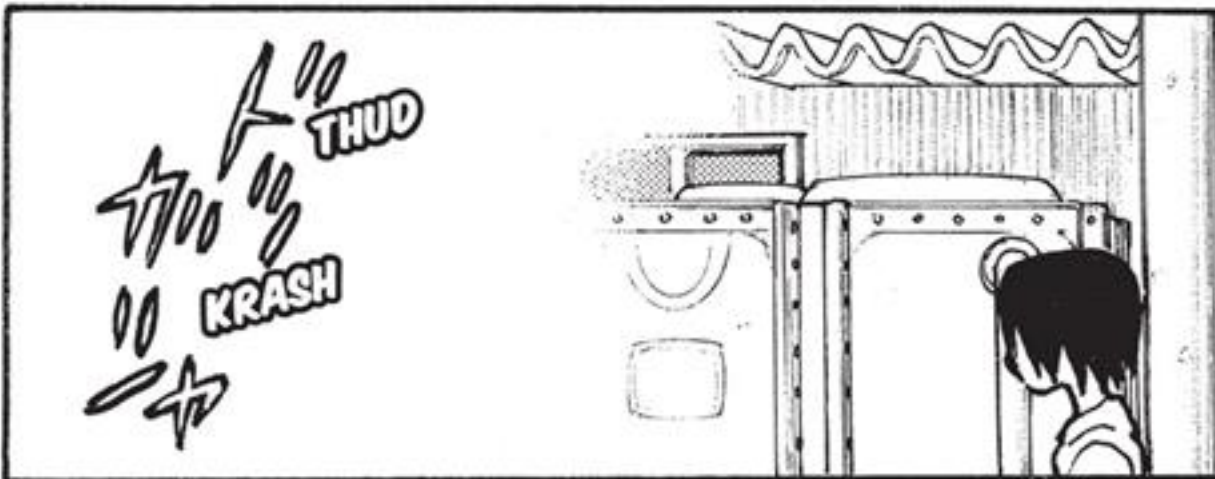


I'M
SORRY.

THIS IS
ALL DUE TO
MY OWN
MISMANAGE-
MENT.









WHY DOES
SHOYA HAVE
TO GET HURT
INSTEAD
OF YOU?!

KRASH



NAO...?



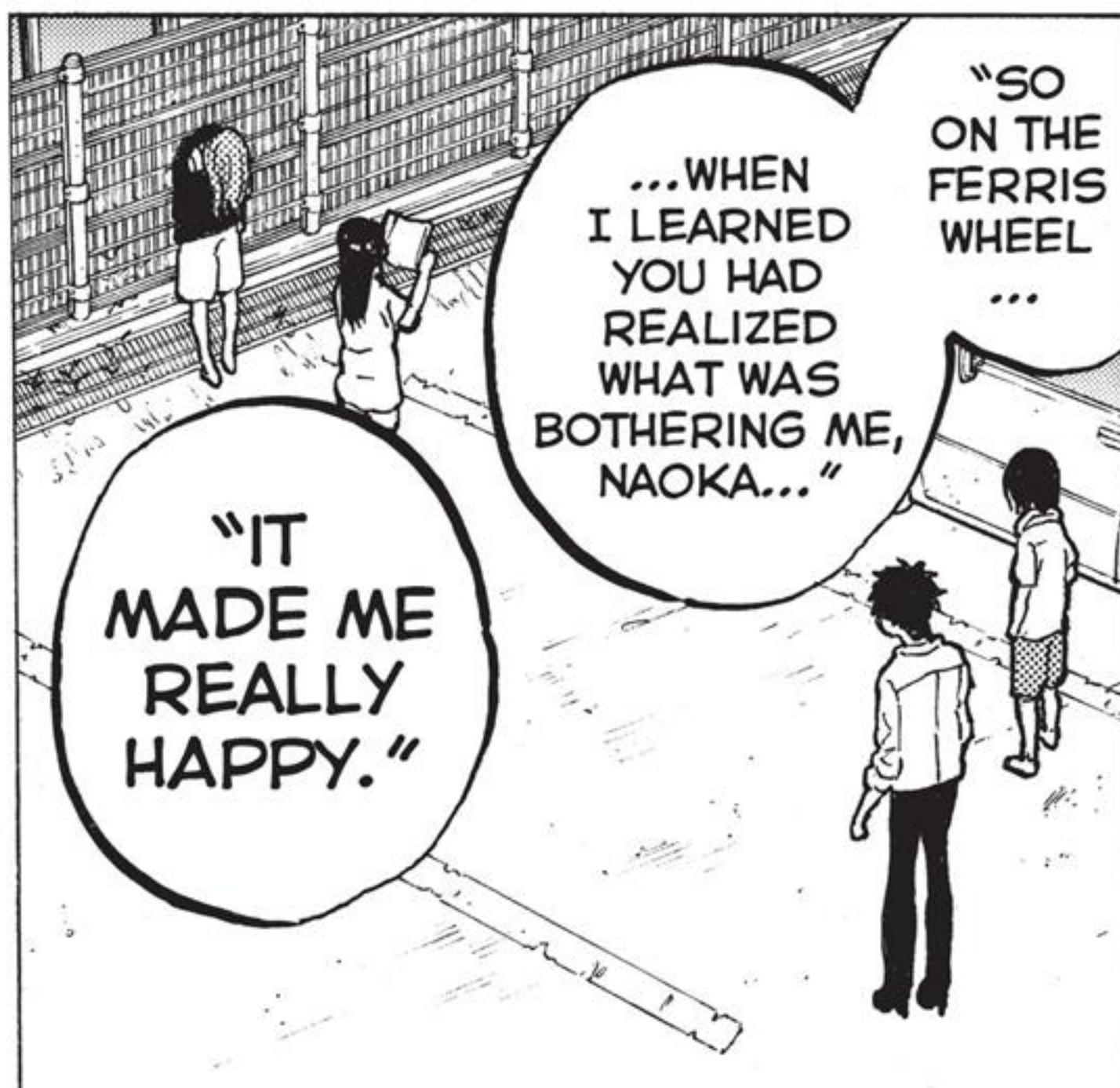
"IN MY LIFE,
I'VE NEVER HAD
CONFIDENCE IN
WHAT I WAS
PICKING
UP."

LET'S
HAVE A
LOOK,
SHALL
WE?

"I AM
UNABLE TO
DETERMINE
WHETHER
THE THINGS
I PERCEIVE
ARE BASED
IN REALITY."

I
BROUGHT
THAT
LETTER YOU
WROTE ME.

OH,
THAT'S
RIGHT.





IF YOU
WANNA PLAY
THE TRAGIC
HEROINE,
DO IT AFTER
YOU GET
YOUR SHIT
TOGETHER!

NOW,
LET ME
GIVE YOU
A LITTLE
ADVICE...



A
BLIGHT
!

A
FRIG-
GIN'
BLIGHT
!!

WHAM

WHAM



YOU'RE A
BLIGHT!

SKID





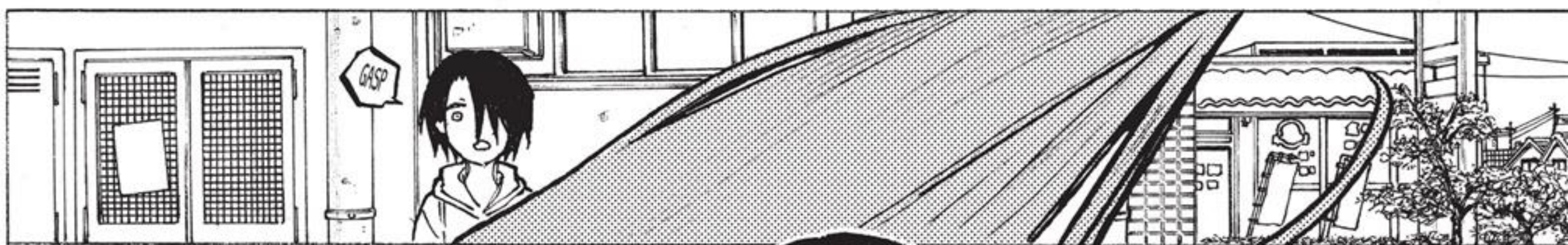


**I'M
HER
FRIEND!**

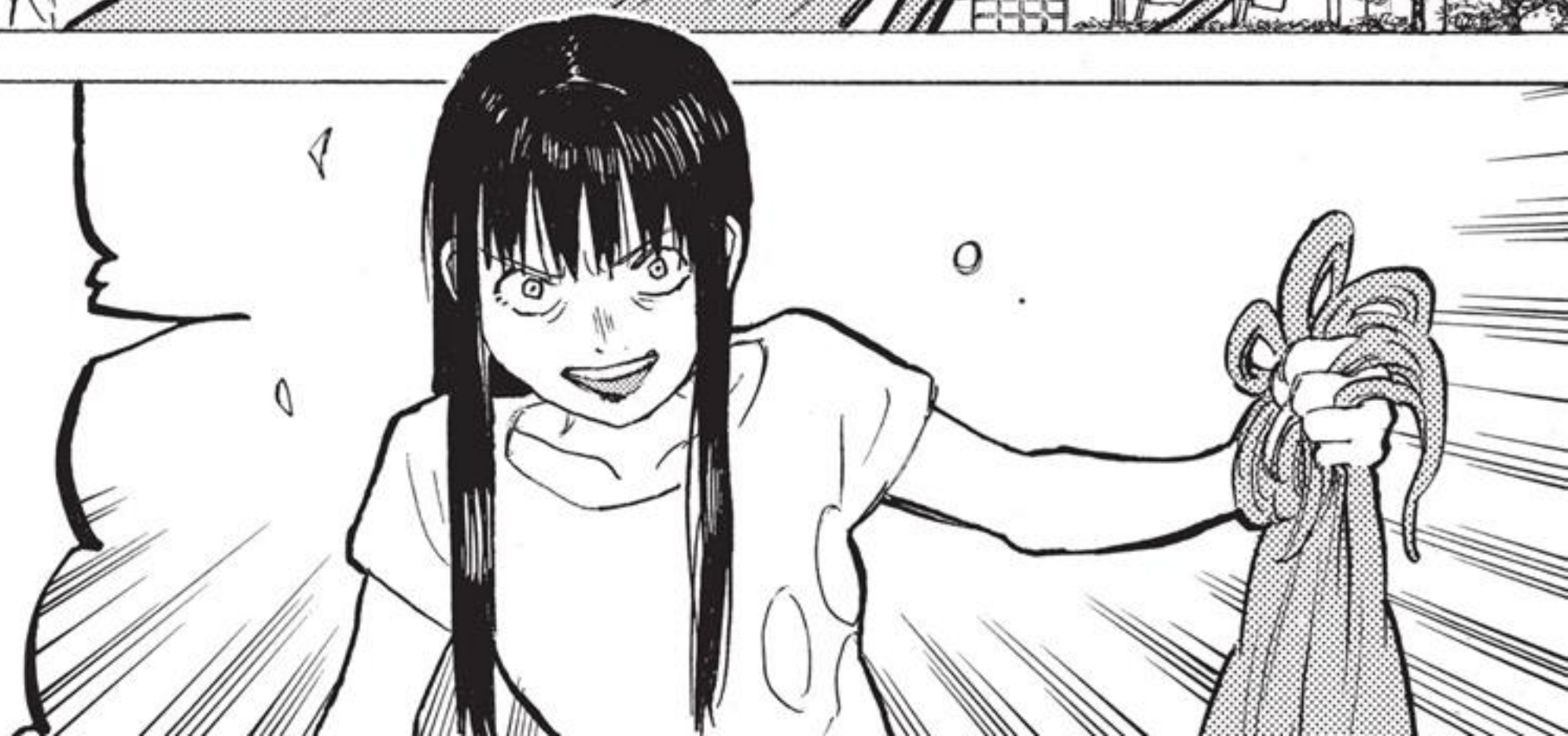


**DON'T
JUST
ASSUME
YOU KNOW
HOW I
FEEL!**

NAO!



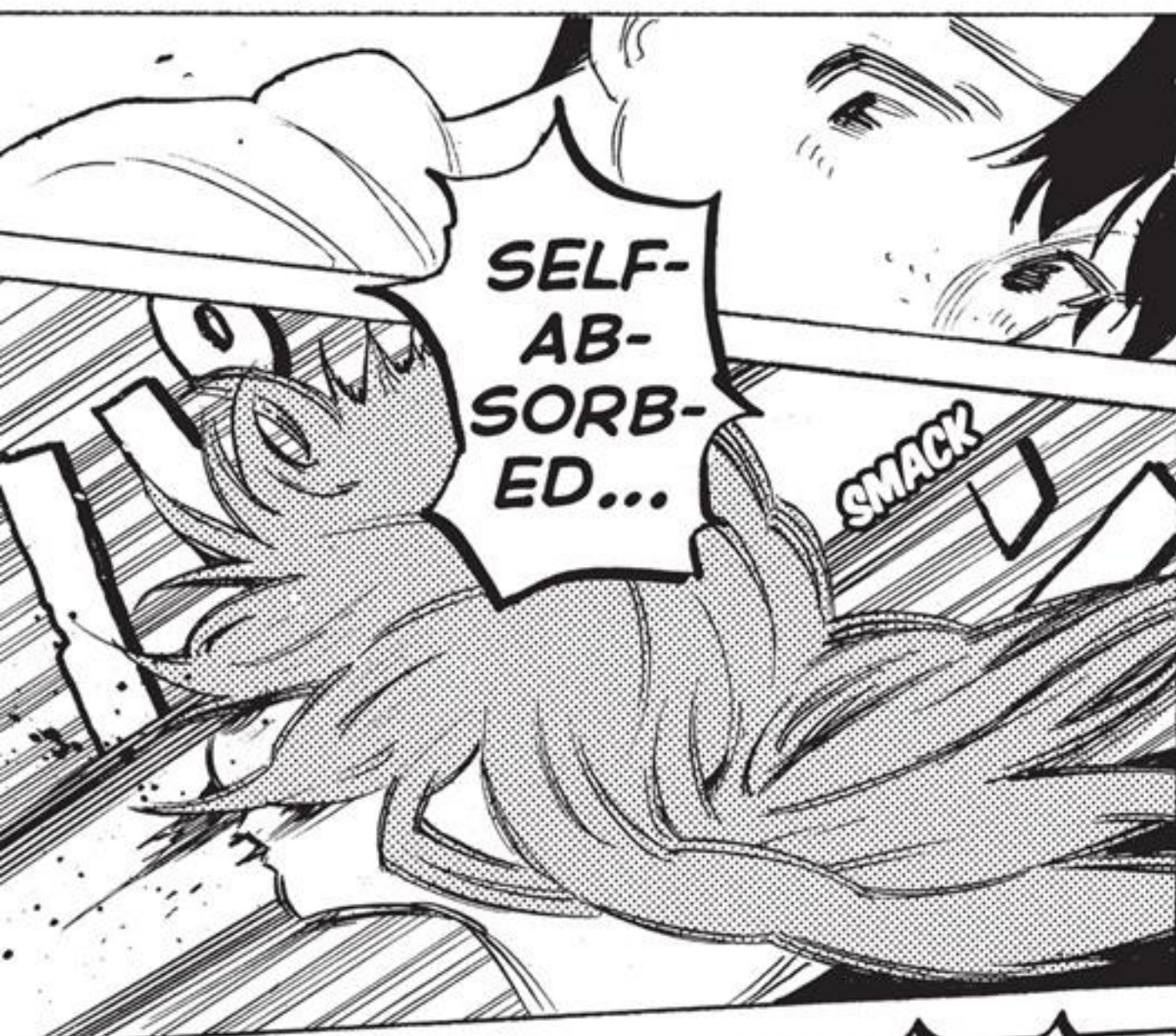
**DON'T
LECTURE
ME! TELL
THAT TO
HER!**





SHE'S
A GOD-
DAMN-
ED...

SMACK



SELF-
AB-
SORB-
ED...

SMACK



NO...

SMACK

EVIL
...



BITCH!



SHE DIDN'T
EVEN THINK
ABOUT HOW WE
FELT AND JUST
DECIDED THE
BEST IDEA WAS
TO JUMP!



